Community School of Music and Arts Announces the Opening of the New Roy and Ruth Rogers Wing

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) welcomes students to the new Roy and Ruth Rogers Wing this fall. The much-anticipated new wing was named for longtime supporters and champions of the arts, Roy and Ruth Rogers.

In 2006, with the assistance of Roy and Ruth Rogers, CSMA purchased the property adjacent to Finn Center in Mountain View, California. The Rogers have been dedicated to CSMA’s mission of Arts4All for decades. Ruth was an inspiring music teacher and founder of the music education programs in Mountain View schools. When she retired from teaching, the programs were transferred to CSMA and now operate as Music4Schools.

The new wing adds much-needed classroom, private lesson, ensemble, multi-purpose and storage space. The project also adds 51 parking spaces and a drop-off area to improve safety. To minimize the costs associated with the acoustic needs of music spaces, the project converted classrooms to private lesson studios in Finn Center. The remodel takes advantage of the superior acoustic qualities of the Center’s poured concrete walls, thus reducing construction costs.

The total square footage of the Rogers Wing is approximately 3,300. The additional space increases CSMA’s capacity to serve approximately 25% more music students and permits expansion of its camps, preschool and ensemble offerings, thus reaching more students across broad age groups and programs. In addition, the project provided improvements inside Finn Center, including an expanded percussion studio and a renovated recital space.

Construction of the new wing began in September, 2020 and was completed in August, 2021. The project was a true community effort, with approximately 250 donors contributing. The space was designed by Artik Art & Architecture and integrates harmoniously with Finn Center, designed by renowned San Francisco architecture firm Mark Cavagnero Associates and opened in 2004. Construction of the new wing was led by Swenson & Associates.

Founded in 1968, the Community School of Music and Arts is Northern California’s largest non-profit provider of arts education programs. With a $6 million budget and 160-member staff and faculty, CSMA is one of the ten largest community schools in the United States. Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, CSMA is dedicated to making the arts and arts education accessible to all, regardless of age, experience, background or financial means.
Vickie Scott Grove, CSMA’s Executive Director said, “The completion of the new wing is truly an important milestone for our school and our community. The project has been a journey, with many hills to climb and incredible support from so many along the way. We are thrilled to be able to serve more students with arts education than ever before.”

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